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MEMORANDUM

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TO. David Bennett, WAM, U S. EPA, Region X

FROM: Michelle Turner, Chemist, WESTON, Seattle
RMM Roger McGinnis, Senior Environmental Chemist, WESTON, Seattle

SUBJECT: Validation of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (Aroclor) Data
Laboratory Batch K9805624
Site: Duwamish River

WORK ASSIGNMENT NO. 46-23-0JZZ

WORK ORDER NO.: 4000-019-038-5200-00

DOC. CONTROL NO.: 4000-019-038-AAAK

cc: Bruce Woods, RAP-WAM, U S. EPA, Region X
Dena Hughes, Site Manager, WESTON, Seattle (memo only)
Kevin Mundell-Jackson, Database Management, WESTON, Seattle

The quality assurance review of seven sediment samples, laboratory batch K9805624, collected from the Duwamish River has been completed Samples were analyzed for polychlorinated biphenyls as Aroclors using EPA Method 8082 by Columbia Analytical Services of Kelso, Washington. The samples were numbered.

98344050	98344051	98344052	98344053	98344054
98344055	98344056			

Data Qualifications

The following comments refer to the laboratory performance in meeting the quality control criteria described in the technical specifications of the laboratory subcontract The review follows the format described in the *National Functional Guidelines for Organic Data Review* (EPA OSWER Directive 9240.1-05, February 1994).

1. Timeliness

   All samples met holding time criteria of 14 days for sample extraction and 40 additional days for extract analysis.

2. Initial Calibration

   a) Mixed Aroclor 1016/1260 Standard

      A six point initial calibration was performed. Calibration factors were calculated for a minimum of five peaks, none of which are common to both Aroclors. The calibration factor percent relative standard deviation (%RSD) was less than 20 percent for all peaks used for quantitation.

   b) Individual Aroclor Standards

      Calibration factors were calculated from a mid-range standard for the other 5 Aroclors using 3 to 5 peaks

3 Calibration Verification

   Aroclor 1016/1260 calibration verification standards were analyzed every 12 hours using a midrange standard The calibration factor percent difference was less than 25 percent of the initial calibration value

4. Retention Time Windows

   Retention Time Windows were calculated from initial calibration. Retention times for calibration verification standards were within established windows

5. Detection Limits

   Instrument detection limits met project required quantitation limits

6. Blanks

   a) Laboratory Method Blanks

Laboratory method blank frequency criteria were met.

No target analytes were reported in laboratory method blanks.

b) Field Blanks

No field blanks were associated with this laboratory batch.

7 System Monitoring Compounds (Surrogates)

Hexabromobiphenyl was used as the surrogate. Surrogate compound percent recovery met quality control criteria for all samples.

8. Matrix Spike and Matrix Spike Duplicate

All matrix spike (MS) and matrix spike duplicate (MSD) percent recoveries met QC guidelines All relative percent differences between the MS and MSD recoveries were within QC guidelines

9 Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) Analysis

LCS recovery goals for Aroclors were established in the project Sampling and Analysis Plan at 70 to 130% for sediment. Based on conversations with the laboratory, historical control chart limits of 26 – 142 for Aroclor 1016 and 40-139 for Aroclor 1260 were also used for data qualification

All LCS percent recoveries met QC guidelines.

10. Field Duplicate Analysis

Samples 98344055 and 98344056 were field duplicates The relative percent difference between duplicate results was within limits of 35 percent RPD for all analytes where concentrations were greater than 5 times the reporting limit.

11 Second Column Confirmation

The relative percent difference (RPD) in reported analyte concentration was greater than 35 percent for the primary and confirmation column for the following samples.

Sample Number	Compound	DB-5 Conc (µg/Kg)	DB-608 Conc. (µg/Kg)	RPD
98344055	Aroclor 1242	86	56	42

Differences can arise from analytical interferences on one column. However, the relative percent differences are not deemed significant at the reported concentrations. The lower concentration was reported for each analyte.

12 Sample Analysis

A cursory review of raw data was performed All laboratory deliverables were present and complete. No unusual problems were noted

13 Laboratory Contact

No laboratory contact was required.

Data Assessment

Upon consideration of the data qualifications noted above, the data are ACCEPTABLE for use except where flagged with data qualifiers that modify the usefulness of the individual values.

Data Qualifiers

U - The compound was analyzed for, but was not detected

UJ - The compound was analyzed for, but was not detected. The associated quantitation limit is an estimate because quality control criteria were not met.

J - The analyte was positively identified, but the associated numerical value is an estimated quantity because quality control criteria were not met or because concentrations reported are less then CRDL or lowest calibration standard.

R - Quality control indicates that data are unusable (compound may or may not be present). Resampling and reanalysis are necessary for verification.

N - Presumptive evidence of presence of material (tentative identification)

I - Elevated reporting limit due to matrix interference.

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Analytical Report

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Project:	Duwamish River/4000-027-001-2019-38	**Date Collected:**	8/19/98
Sample Matrix:	Sediment	**Date Received:**	8/20/98

Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)

Sample Name	983344050	Units	ug/Kg (ppb)
Lab Code	K9805624-001	Basis	Dry
Test Notes			

Analyte	Prep Method	Analysis Method	MRL	Dilution Factor	Date Extracted	Date Analyzed	Result	Result Notes
Aroclor 1016	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1221	EPA 3550B	8082	40	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1232	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1242	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1248	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1254	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	142	
Aroclor 1260	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	101	

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Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)

Sample Name:	983344051	Units	ug/Kg (ppb)
Lab Code	K9805624-002	Basis	Dry
Test Notes			

Analyte	Prep Method	Analysis Method	MRL	Dilution Factor	Date Extracted	Date Analyzed	Result	Result Notes
Aroclor 1016	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1221	EPA 3550B	8082	40	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1232	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1242	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1248	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1254	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	170	
Aroclor 1260	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	114	

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Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)

Sample Name	983344052	Units	ug/Kg (ppb)
Lab Code	K9805624-003	Basis	Dry
Test Notes			

Analyte	Prep Method	Analysis Method	MRL	Dilution Factor	Date Extracted	Date Analyzed	Result	Result Notes
Aroclor 1016	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1221	EPA 3550B	8082	40	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1232	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1242	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1248	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1254	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	154	
Aroclor 1260	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	104	

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Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)

Sample Name	983344053	Units	ug/Kg (ppb)
Lab Code	K9805624-004	Basis	Dry
Test Notes.			

Analyte	Prep Method	Analysis Method	MRL	Dilution Factor	Date Extracted	Date Analyzed	Result	Result Notes
Aroclor 1016	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1221	EPA 3550B	8082	40	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1232	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1242	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1248	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1254	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	172	
Aroclor 1260	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	124	

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Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)

Sample Name	983344054	Units	ug/Kg (ppb)
Lab Code	K9805624-005	Basis	Dry
Test Notes			

Analyte	Prep Method	Analysis Method	MRL	Dilution Factor	Date Extracted	Date Analyzed	Result	Result Notes
Aroclor 1016	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1221	EPA 3550B	8082	40	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1232	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1242	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1248	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1254	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	131	
Aroclor 1260	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	96	

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Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)

Sample Name	983344055	Units	ug/Kg (ppb)
Lab Code	K9805624-006	Basis	Dry
Test Notes			

Analyte	Prep Method	Analysis Method	MRL	Dilution Factor	Date Extracted	Date Analyzed	Result	Result Notes
Aroclor 1016	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1221	EPA 3550B	8082	40	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1232	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1242	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	56	
Aroclor 1248	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1254	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	153	
Aroclor 1260	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	102	

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Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)

Sample Name	983344056	Units	ug/Kg (ppb)
Lab Code	K9805624-007	Basis	Dry
Test Notes			

Analyte	Prep Method	Analysis Method	MRL	Dilution Factor	Date Extracted	Date Analyzed	Result	Result Notes
Aroclor 1016	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1221	EPA 3550B	8082	40	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1232	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1242	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1248	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	ND	
Aroclor 1254	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	152	
Aroclor 1260	EPA 3550B	8082	20	1	8/24/98	9/1/98	94	

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